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INDIA.

BOMBAY—Improved Health Conditions.

Consul Dennison reports, August 30:

In contrast with the unhealthy conditions which prevailed during the month of July, Bombay is now enjoying a period of almost record healthiness for this season of the year.

In the week ended August 30 there were 566 deaths in the city compared with 610 in the previous week, 593 in the corresponding week of last year, and a quinquennial average of 653. Plague has dropped to 25 deaths a week, which is approximately the mean for this season. Smallpox, for the first time for nearly a year, does not figure in the mortality returns at all. The average weekly number of deaths from cholera at this time of the year is 27, and last week there were only two.

The less noteworthy diseases have also diminished, so that the comparatively small total mortality represents an improvement of health in every direction.

The death rate of 30.09 is probably an exaggeration, for there is no doubt that the population of the city has largely increased since the last census was taken. Expert observers believe that the inhabitants of Bombay now number considerably over a million. The health of the population is, therefore, even considerably better than the figures show.

Changes of weather and other influences cause large fluctuations, but a steady tendency to improvement is manifesting itself, and there are good reasons to attribute it to a higher sanitary understanding on the part of the people.

CALCUTTA—Cholera and Plague.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Allan reports, September 1:

During the week ended August 13, there were 13 deaths from cholera and 4 from plague in Calcutta; in all Bengal, 102 cases of plague, with 70 deaths; in all India, 1,543 cases of plague, with 1,037 deaths.

ITALY.

Status of Cholera.

Surgeon Geddings reports, September 12 and 19:

During the week ended September 10, 1910, cholera was reported in Italy as follows:

PROVINCE OF BARI.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Andria.....	4
Barletta.....	34	16
Canosa.....	3
Molfetta.....	9	6
Trani.....	2	4
	52	26

PROVINCE OF FOGGIA.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cerignola.....	6	5
Margherita di Savoia.....	5	9
Ortanova.....	3	2
Trinitapoli.....	22	14
San Ferdinando.....	4	3
	40	33